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Newsletter #9:

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Hello everyone!
Hope the week was nice for you all. Here is the latest on what happened this last week and what is coming for the next:

Spink USA, Roma XIII and Rauch Auctions

I participated by phone in three auctions this week.

The auction of Christopher "Kit" Reed, a small collection of only 87 pieces was not terribly successful for Spink USA. With the exception of only a few coins most of the pieces in the collection hammered at or below estimate. I was able to pick up some pieces for customers rather easily in this auction.

Roma XIII and Rauch (ancient coins) both took place in the very early morning here in Chicago. Besides feeling a little sleepy (yawn) I was pretty successful for clients at both auctions. The Imperatorial section for Roma was particularly strong with a few boisterous bidders on the phone and floor. For one of my lots there were actually two other phone bidders along with floor bidders. It was pretty active! Roma had an amazing amount of unique and high quality coins. That said, there are plenty of coins that went unsold in the auction so if you have interest in any, they are still available on the Roma site. If you need my help then I'd be happy to assist.

Rauch was slightly more subdued for me. I only had a few bids for the auction and aside from a few aureii that seemed to skyrocket in price, the rest of the coins hammered reasonably.

Whitman Expo - Baltimore Coin Show (March 30-April 2)

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the Baltimore show is finally upon us. I will be attending that show for two days and can meet with you personally if you plan to attend. My mobile is 708-655-4836 if you need to get in touch.

be difficult to find but this one satisfies in every way. It has a good pedigree as well: from the MM Collection. Ex collection of the Money Museum, Zurich (Triton XVIII, 6 January 2015), lot 351; Münzen und Medaillen AG 90 (14 June 2000), lot 210. As I mentioned in last weeks newsletter, this coin will be available only to readers of my newsletter for the first few days and then rolled out onto my site and Vcoins.

SICILY, Gela. c. 420-405 BC. Æ Tetras or Trionkion, 4.86g (18.5mm, 7h). Bull standing left; olive leaf and ΓΕΛΑΣ above, ••• (mark of value) in exergue / Horned head of Gelas right; barley grain to left.

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Price: $2,350

The coinage of Gela often exhibits a river god, a human head on the body of a bull. The geographic location of the city undoubtedly tied it closely to the sea trade and the Greeks being polytheistic worshiped many different gods. The gods were most often linked to the chief sources of trade or commerce of that city. Gela was founded in 688 BC from Greek colonists from Rhodes and Crete. As with many port cities it had times of massive upheaval, as well as periods of prosperity. At the time this coin was struck Gela was strong. Many of its important citizens that had departed for Syracuse for a time returned to Gela and it was believed that this was a period of democracy for the city. Unfortunately the city was destroyed in 405 BC by the invading North African Carthaginians. The survivors took refuge in the city of Syracuse only returning some 20 years later to their homes.

Interesting to note is that Gela was the first Italian beach that the Allies arrived at in 1943 during the invasion of Sicily in WWII.

References: Jenkins, Gela, Group VIII-IX, 513.1 = BMC 67 (same dies); CNS 32; HGC 2, 379

Grade: Black patina with beautiful strike. Irregular flan. Mint State

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